

# ELECTION RESULTS

## MARCH 11, 2008

**Article 1:** To choose the following officers for the year ensuing:

<b>Board of Selectman – 3 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than two</b> L. Leigh Sharps 268 Timothy Sweetsir 116 Sandra Coleman 120 Robert Comeau 195 Glenn Dion 123 ____ Write in ____ Write in	<b>Town Clerk – Three Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Patricia Tucker 399 ____ Write in
<b>Town Trustee – 3 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Richard Pare 359 ____ Write in	<b>Town Treasurer – 3 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Linda Guyotte 380 ____ Write in
<b>Town Moderator – 2 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Philip Preston 383 ____ Write in	<b>Library Trustee – 3 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> David Ruell 384 ____ Write in
<b>Electric Commissioner – 3 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Daniel “Dan” Vaughn 217 Sandra Coleman 175 ____ Write in ____ Write in	<b>Supervisor of Checklist – 6 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Therese C. D. Linden 367 ____ Write in
<b>Budget Committee – 3 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than two</b> ____ Write in ____ Write in	<b>Electric Commissioner – 1 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Michael Evleth 313 ____ Write in
<b>Budget Committee – 1 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Dennis Potter 332 ____ Write in	<b>Water/Sewer Commissioner 3 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than one</b> Patricia Tucker 207 Robert Boyle 219 ____ Write in
	<b>Budget Committee – 2 Year Term</b> <b>Vote for not more than two</b> Bruce LaRiviere 306 ____ Write in ____ Write in

**Article 3:      YES    389      NO    29**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its boards, commissions, and officers for the year of 2007 subject to corrections of errors when and if found.

**Article 4:      YES    313      NO    121**

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$6,001,698? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,216,099 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Article 5:      YES    334      NO    105**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be deposited into the River Street Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of the River Street Bridge over Squam River. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 6:      YES    214      NO    214**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$157,000) to purchase a 2008 Highway Truck and Equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of fifty-nine thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$59,650) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of ninety-seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$97,350) to be raised by general taxation. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 7:      YES    230      NO    204**

To see if the Town will vote to create a Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be deposited into that said account for the purpose of purchasing a new sidewalk plow in the future. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 8:      YES    161      NO    272**

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to employ a full time paid fire chief at an annual salary of \$49,500 and to raise and appropriate \$42,000 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2008, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time volunteer fire

chief. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 9: YES 135 NO 395**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the selectman's salaries from \$900 to \$1,500 per year per selectman and to increase the chairperson's salary from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per year for the chairman. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 10: YES 368 NO 48**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 v-a to require that all votes by the budget committee and the board of selectmen relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 11: YES 331 NO 88**

**By Petition:** To see if the Town vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Ashland, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator, and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

**Article 12: YES 159 NO 270**

**By Petition:** To see if the Town will vote to immediately discontinue the Board of Electric Commissioners and return the management, control, and direction of the municipal electric system to the authority of the Board of Selectman. (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 13: YES 153 NO 269**

**By Petition:** I. Shall the government of the police department of the Town of Ashland be entrusted to a police commission?

II. If so, shall such police commissioners be chosen by:

(a) Popular election at Town election; or **YES 148 NO 102**

(b) Appointment of the governor with consent of the council?

**YES 52 NO 147**

**Article 14:    YES   187    NO    171**

**By Petition:** RSA 41:47 Election – To have the Town of Ashland vote to elect by ballot the police chief for a term of 2 years and rescind the current process of appointing a police chief by the selectmen?